

**USS Lead and Refinery, Inc. Superfund Site
East Chicago, Indiana
Activity Report
July 28, 2016**

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EPA AND THE EAST CHICAGO SCHOOL

DISTRICT: On July 28, 2016, Superintendent Dr. Paige McNulty contacted Associate Regional Counsel, Steven P. Kaiser. Dr. McNulty and Mr. Kaiser discussed current conditions at the Site and asked whether the District needed to relocate children from the Carrie Gosch School. Mr. Kaiser advised that EPA has not concluded that relocation is currently necessary but would put Dr. McNulty in touch with representatives from whom she could get additional information and with whom she could discuss her concerns. Mr. Kaiser has begun to provide Dr. McNulty with additional information. Dr. McNulty participated in the conference call this afternoon. She also asked for information about contamination within the boundaries of the Carrie Gosch School, some of which EPA has already provided and more of which will be provided on July 29, 2016. Dr. McNulty upon learning that EPA was conducting interior sampling requested that EPA include the Carrie Gosch School in its sampling plans. These requests and concerns have been forwarded to the appropriate EPA decision makers.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: The City of East Chicago and ECHA are holding a public meeting at 2:30 p.m. on August 3, 2016, to discuss the recently filed Demolition and Disposition Application and the related issue of relocation. On July 20, 2016, Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) began to distribute flyers and fact sheets, and post signs advising residents about how to protect themselves and their children from lead-contaminated soils and explaining the purpose of the mulch. EPA and the City will monitor the situation to make certain that signs are not removed and remain in place. **Status:** Ongoing.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EPA, THE CITY AND ECHA: The parties continue to hold regularly scheduled and specially scheduled calls to share information and work through issues. **Status:** On-going. Next call scheduled for Monday at 4:30 CT.

SAMPLING: EPA will partner with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to sample the interiors of units within the West Calumet Complex. EPA expects to begin work on August 1, 2016. As set forth above, the Superintendent of the East Chicago School District has asked EPA to sample the interior of the neighboring Carrie Gosch School. **Status:** Ongoing.

MOWING: At the request of the ECHA, EPA sent on July 27, 2016, a letter to the City (with copies to the Park Department and School District) that sets forth its position with respect to mowing. **Status:** Ongoing.

ATSDR: On July 20, 2016, ATSDR, the City, ECHA, IDPH and CDE representatives met to discuss a variety of health issues affecting the East Chicago community. These discussions were continued on July 27, 2016. The Superintendent of Schools has asked to participate in these discussions. EPA and the City will work to facilitate her inclusion. **Status:** On-going.

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